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The amendment filed on 31 October 2006 is deemed non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03) for the following reasons: All of the currently pending claims –i.e., claims 1 and 7-9 (as instantly amended), are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention previously examined (and searched) for the following reasons: The previously examined (and searched) invention—as set forth in original claims 1-8, was drawn to a method of identifying inhibitors of an activator-independent MurD enzyme via contacting the enzyme with a test compound in the presence of enzyme substrates and appropriate buffers and detecting any modulation of enzyme activity by the test compound. However, as instantly claimed, claims 1 and 7-9 no longer read upon such a method. Instead, claims 1 and 7-9 (as instantly amended) now read upon a method of determining if a MurD enzyme is an activator-independent enzyme by aligning a test MurD enzyme of a particular sequence and identifying if the test MurD comprises one or more common amino acid residues, indicating that the test MurD is an activator-independent enzyme (which is a different and distinct method from that previously examined and searched).

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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